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RE: Comments on a newspaper article titled: **Workers' hair, saliva, sweat might be tested for drugs**

My comments are on the above titled article by reporter Leigh Strobe of the Associated Press in yesterday's edition of The Courier-Journal newspaper. Mr. Strobe reports that the hair, saliva and sweat of federal workers could be tested for drug use under a new government policy proposed on April 6, 2004. This will eventually set a standard for private companies. The planned changes have been long sought by the testing industry and reflects the government efforts to be more precise in its drug screening.

Saliva testing is best at detecting drug use within the past one or two days. My comments: This should be a hospital and insurance implemented standard procedure following any employee injury accident. (This test could have saved my insurance company and me a lot of money.) Read my letter (included in this forwarded message) to Stan Logan, Jr., and my e-mail to Scott Wibbels.

Hair testing allows detection of many drugs used as far back as three months.

Sweat testing is used to screen people who have returned to work after drug treatment.

Please share this information and my comments to all interested parties. My house-framing business has suffered a drastic setback from a drug-related accident and (among other things) the consequences of my Work Comp insurance company's decision to volunteer benefits. I may go out of business because of the above (good commonsense) standards that are not in place with our insurance companies.

Respectfully Submitted,

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